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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of BORNHORST ET AL.)	
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Serial Number: 09/544,349)	Examiner: Corbin, A.
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Filed: April 6, 2000)	Atty Docket: 5282USA
For: FOOD PRODUCT METHOD OF PREPARATION		

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this extended prosecution application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing a snack product from a cooked cereal dough, comprising the steps of:
 - A. providing free cereal grain pieces having a particle size of about 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a moisture content of at least 18%;
 - B. cooking and forming the grain pieces into a cooked cereal dough in a cooker extruder in a first cooking step at a temperature sufficient to gelatinize cereal starch in the grain pieces to provide an at least partially cooked cereal ~~mass or~~ dough having discernible grain bits from the free cereal grain pieces of step A, said forming step including adding sufficient